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## PUBLIC MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR I-93 TRANSIT STUDY DISCUSSING OPTIONS FOR BOSTON - MANCHESTER CORRIDOR

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation (MA EOT) will hold two public meetings to review findings of the I-93 Transit Investment Study. The purpose of these meetings is to hear ideas and suggestions from the general public in both states that will help to inform the development of the strategic plan.

The two-year study has identified possible transit service opportunities within the I-93 Corridor between Boston, Massachusetts and Manchester, New Hampshire. The study team has analyzed a range of alternatives, including rail, bus, and ride-sharing. The study has reviewed local land use policies that impact on growth in the region and the potential for transit-friendly land use.

The public meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, November 27, 2007 from 6:00 PM 8:00 PM at Memorial Hall Library, 3 Main Street, Andover, Massachusetts, and
- Wednesday, November 28, 2007 from 6:00 PM 8:00 PM at Salem High School, 44 Geremonty Drive, Salem, New Hampshire.

Potential transit alternatives will be presented and discussed at both of the public meetings. Conceptual station area land use alternatives will also be presented as examples of how transit use may be encouraged. The presentation material will be identical at each of the meetings. Study information can also be viewed and comments can be submitted on the project website at www.i93transit.org.

Directions to Memorial Hall Library in Andover can be found at http://www.mhl.org/about/visit/directions.htm?section=3.2. Directions to Salem High School can be found at http://www.salemschooldistrictnh.com/schools/shs/directions.htm. For further information on the I-93 Transit Investment Study, visit the web site or contact Ram Maddali, Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance, New Hampshire Department of Transportation, email: rmaddali@dot.state.nh.us.